



Celebrating Books, Art, & Kansas Heritage

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KANSAS BOOK FESTIVAL SCHEDULE RELEASED

Nine Program Areas With Constant Events Equal Two Days Filled With Activities

WICHITA, KS — The Kansas Book Festival, which will be held October 5-6 at Koch Arena on the campus of Wichita State University, has unveiled its 2007 event schedule on its website, www.kansasbookfestival.ks.gov. Admission to the festival is free.

“With seventy authors on the program, the Festival offers something for everyone,” Kansas Book Festival producer Cyndi Hughes said. “From biographies and poetry to children’s books and gardening, the programs will showcase some of Kansas’ and the country’s finest authors.”

The Book Festival’s opening ceremony at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 5 will be held inside Koch Arena. Lieutenant Governor Mark Parkinson will take part, and the authors of the Kansas Center for the Book’s 2007 Notable Books will receive their medals and then sign books.

Other activities held inside Koch Arena over the two-day festival include panel presentations and author talks on books for adult readers as well as the Book Fair, with sales and exhibits from book vendors, authors and other organizations around the state. Book signings will be held in this area.

Outside Koch Arena, more cultural activities will fill the grassy area. Three tents will present author programs for young readers, elementary students, and teens. The Kansas Humanities Council is sponsoring “Kansans Tell Their Stories,” where book lovers of all ages are invited to share stories about their favorite books. The Kansas Arts Commission will host Kansas musicians and entertainers in the Entertainment Tent. The Kansas Historical Society will present an array of activities for children with the theme of “Famous Kansans: Real People, Real Stories.” An appearance by Scholastic’s Magic School Bus will be presented by the Wichita Public Library.

Visit the Festival’s website at www.kansasbookfestival.ks.gov for a full list of authors and activities.

Festival hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, Oct. 5, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 6. Admission is free. Governor Kathleen Sebelius is the Festival’s honorary chair.

Sponsors for the 2007 Festival include **a gift in memory of Meredith Docking, Spirit AeroSystems, Kansas Lottery, Via Christi Health System & Preferred Health Systems, Papa John’s, and Wichita State University.** Promotional sponsors include **Cox Communications, KAKE-TV, KPTS-TV, KMWU-FM, Journal Broadcast Group, Radio Disney, and the Wichita Eagle.**

The Kansas Book Festival is a presentation of the **State Library of Kansas, the Kansas Center for the Book, the Wichita Public Library, the Kansas Historical Society, the Governor’s Cultural Affairs Council, the Kansas Arts Commission, the Kansas Humanities Council, and the Greater Wichita Convention and Visitors Bureau.**

For more information about the 2007 Kansas Book Festival, visit www.kansasbookfestival.ks.gov.

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